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**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	U.S. 4,786,790	November 22, 1988	Kruse et al.

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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